

Response

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment that was mailed on October 27, 2004, states that the previous Amendment (which was included with the Amendment and Response that was mailed to the PTO on September 20, 2004, and received by the OIPE on September 23, 2004) was non-compliant for failing to provide proper status identifiers with the claims. Accordingly, each non-compliant status identifier has been changed in the present Revised Amendment and Response to one of the seven prescribed status identifiers. The foregoing claims have undergone no substantive change relative to the previous Amendment and Response. The only changes that have been made since the previous Amendment and Response are with respect to status identifiers provided with the claims.

Based on the foregoing, all pending claims are compliant with 37 CFR 1.121, and are in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and an early notice of allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,



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